

U.S. veto expected as U.N. Council meets to vote on Palestinians

UNITED NATIONS. — The U.S. ready yesterday to veto a security Council resolution favoring Palestinian statehood on grounds that its adoption could undermine Middle East peace negotiations.

The resolution, worked out in private talks and submitted last weekend, was due to be voted on yesterday after a debate on "the Middle East problem, including the Palestinian question," that began two weeks ago.

The Council met but suspended a meeting at midnight Israel time at 11 a.m. this morning.

Diplomats expected a vote of 11- or 12-2, with China and Libya or participating, and Britain still uncertain between abstaining or joining the U.S. for a double veto. If there were no veto, a vote of 15-0 would constitute a majority.

The delegates of Pakistan were chosen to introduce the resolution on behalf of the other sponsors —

Rumania, Panama, Guyana, Tanzania and Benin, formerly Dahomey. The Soviet Union, France, Italy, Sweden and Japan were expected also to approve the resolution.

Israel has been boycotting the debate because the Palestinian Liberation Organization has been allowed to take part.

Israel's ambassador at the U.N., Haim Herzog, told a reporter yesterday: "This resolution would destroy the process of negotiating in the Middle East. We would not have anything to do with negotiations within the framework of this resolution were it ever to be passed."

The Security Council met for 20 minutes yesterday morning for private consultations that failed to narrow the difference between the U.S. position backing Israel and the majority of the Council, supporting the six-power resolution.

Terming the PLO "representative of the Palestinian people," the resolution affirms:

"That the Palestinian people should be enabled to exercise its

inalienable national right of self-determination, including the right to establish an independent state in Palestine."

"That Israel should withdraw from all the Arab territories occupied since June 1967."

In provisions that go back to a 1948 General Assembly resolution and the 1987 Council resolution, it also calls for:

"The right of Palestinian refugees from Israel to return to their homes and live in peace with their neighbors, or accept compensation for their property."

"Appropriate arrangements, to guarantee... the sovereign, territorial integrity and political independence of all states in the area and their right to live in peace within secure and recognized boundaries."

The resolution says all these provisions "should be taken fully into account in Middle East peace efforts and conferences organized within the UN framework... which would include the Geneva conference."

The resolution asks UN Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim to take steps for its implementation and report progress to the Council, and provides for the Council to convene within six months to consider his report and "pursue its responsibilities regarding such implementation."

The U.S. Ambassador, Daniel Moynihan, made it clear from the start of the debate that the U.S. would oppose recognition of "Palestinian national rights" or any change in Resolution 242, the basic UN peace measure adopted by the Council after the 1967 war. That resolution calls for Israeli withdrawal "from territories occupied in the recent conflict."



Lebanese car driver waves to Defense Minister Peres, right, and his group on their tour of the northern border yesterday. (Simonsky for Israel Sun)

Peres at border tour: Israel to let in Lebanon refugees

By YORAM HAMIZRAHI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

METULLA. — Israel has agreed to permit some Lebanese refugees to enter it, in response to individual requests made during the past few days, "out of humane considerations," Defense Minister Shimon Peres confirmed yesterday.

Peres said this during a tour of the old "colonies" (moshavot) in the Jordan Valley and Northern Galilee. He also toured the border near here, and spoke with a Lebanese driver across the security fence, via an interpreter.

It was learned that important religious and municipal leaders from several Christian villages in southern Lebanon had appealed for the borders to be opened to refugees — presumably including themselves.

He told the Old Colonies Committee, headed by Metulla Mayor Assaf Frenkel, that the cease-fire in Lebanon, so far, appeared to be "stabilizing." However, he reassured them, the responsibility for security along the border was the Israel Defense Forces' and not that of the Lebanese forces. There still was a danger that terrorists would take over the border positions vacated by the Lebanese army, but Israel would then take all the necessary steps to prevent infiltration.

Peres praised the alertness and morale at the border villages, which, he said, was better than that in the large towns away from the borders.

Transport Minister Gad Ya'acobi, expressing satisfaction with the decision, said it could be the basis for turning Egged into a healthy enterprise once more. He called on Egged to take immediate steps to renew full service, and said he intended to appoint a Government representative on the cooperative's management very soon.

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As he toured the border, Peres stopped to observe traffic along Lebanon's southern highway. Many passing motorists recognized him and waved, and one driver from the village of Kila shouted: "We are your neighbors — watch out for our safety!"

The traffic included vehicles transporting entire families, with their household effects — apparently both Christian and Moslem. In some cases, the travelers appeared to be families from northern Lebanon, trying to find their way safely back to the capital.

The Lebanese army positions, meanwhile, remained unmanned, including the fortification across Migdal Am, at Nebi Aweida — an observation point which commands the entire Hula Valley. Security experts here say that should this position fall into terrorist hands it would create a grave situation for Israel.

Yoel Der adds:
Not a single Lebanese refugee has so far crossed the Rosh Hanikra frontier post into Israel. The frontier police and officials have received no specific instructions how to deal with Christian refugees.

The head of the Greek Catholic community in Haifa, Elias Matar, welcomed the decision of Peres to open the border to Christian refugees and called it a genuinely humanitarian gesture. Matar proposed the admission of refugees several weeks ago.

BEIRUT. — Syrian officers yesterday set out a 36-hour programme for the withdrawal of private sectarian and political militias from Beirut and other populated areas with the aim of reactivation of traffic and trade throughout Lebanon. The programme, scheduled to be completed at 6 p.m. today, was said to be based on disarming the private militias — with the exception of those which belong to the Palestine Liberation Organization, now in substantial control of Lebanese territory.

Lebanese Premier Rashid Karamei yesterday sought to reassure the Lebanese that the Palestine Liberation Army which penetrated from Syria into northern, eastern and southern Lebanon as well as into Beirut, would withdraw "as soon as the Lebanese security forces could restate their control" in war-ravaged Beirut.

The disengagement effort got under way at 6 a.m. yesterday morning. Steel-helmeted P.L.A. troops stood guard at hotels, shops, money changers and markets that resumed work in the Moslem half of Beirut. (AP)

Egged will discuss new proposal to end bus strike today

By YITZAK OKED
and ASHER WALLFISH

The Egged strike goes into its sixth day this morning despite a revised decision by the Knesset Finance Committee intended to help the bus cooperative out of its financial difficulties.

The IL50m. which the Knesset committee agreed to lend last night is said by some Egged officials to be "too little, too late." They claim that the IL50m. is hardly enough to pay their debts to the end of last month.

However, the committee's proposals will be discussed by Egged this morning.

Under last night's decision of the Finance Committee, Egged must agree to implement the recommendations of the Golomb Committee in full, including the proposal to transfer properties of the affiliate companies back to Egged.

These properties would be sold, in full or in part, to bolster the cooperative's capital structure, and pay part of the cumulative deficit. The Golomb Committee, or a committee acting on its behalf, would have to decide just what is Egged's share in the deficit, and how much the government must pay. Egged would be committed to cover that sum, either by selling property or in another way.

The cooperative would also deposit its shares in Mifal Hapahot, the main affiliate which runs the bus stations — in the hands of a trustee, and hand over any other guarantees which the trustee would demand on account of the loan.

The Finance Committee also took note of Transport Minister Gad Ya'acobi's statement that a senior government representative would be asked to sit on the Egged executive.

Transport Ministry officials told members of the Finance Committee that they believed they could persuade a majority in the Egged management to accept the new decision.

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David Peled, director of Customs in the Finance Ministry, and businessman Michael Robinson were arrested yesterday on suspicion of foreign currency violations. The two men are being held for 48 hours.

Police are investigating allegations that Peled has a Swiss bank account, said to contain 200,000 Swiss francs and in violation of Israel's currency laws. Robinson is suspected of helping transfer the money to Switzerland. It is also suspected that Peled obtained certain sums of money as bribes.

Robinson, 31-year-old son of the late Swiss-Israeli financier William Robinson, was remanded earlier this week at the request of the Swiss authorities but was released on January 11 after a cable from Switzerland informed the police there was not enough evidence to justify his extradition.

Peled's account is reported to be in deep sorrow we announce the death of the beloved and esteemed head of our family the great Gaon

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former Chief Rabbi and dean of Israel's rabbis.

The funeral will leave today, the 25th of Shevat, at 1 p.m., from the Sanhedriya funeral parlour for the Mount of Olives cemetery in Jerusalem.

The Family

Alert after hijack report

TEL AVIV. — Ben-Gurion Airport was put on alert yesterday afternoon, following a report that a Jew hijacked a plane in Russia and intended to land here.

A West-European country tipped off the control tower here that it had heard a radioed report by the hijacker, who claimed to be Jewish and said he intended to fly the Tupolev aircraft to Israel.

But the alert was called off two hours later, after officials realized such a plane could not carry enough fuel to fly here without an intermediate stop, and nothing further was heard. It was speculated that the plane was forced to land within Soviet territory. Some reports later said the plane had landed in Denmark and its pilot was arrested.

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Yundeff boys out of hiding

TEL AVIV. — Dov and Menahem Yundeff came out of hiding yesterday and joined their mother at the Pal Hotel here, where they spoke to reporters. The boys are to appear Friday in Rehovot Magistrates Court to testify about their disappearance last week, despite police surveillance.

Dov and Menahem, aged 10 and nine, said they did not know where they had been since they'd been taken from their uncle's home in Moshav Gannot Wednesday night. They could say only that they had been "inside, playing games." (They did not reach the Pal Hotel till noon yesterday.)

The two boys were ordered by the Supreme Court last January to be returned to their father in West Germany, pending the outcome of their parents' divorce proceedings. They have said they do not want to go back to Germany.

Rabin arrives in Philadelphia, sees Ford today

By WOLF BLITZER
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PHILADELPHIA. — Prime Minister Rabin arrived here yesterday for an 11-day visit to the U.S. and in a ceremony of welcome at the Liberty Bell paid tribute "in the name of all Israel" to those "who gave birth to that great Declaration of Independence — the Fathers of the American Revolution."

He added, "In a mood common to these, the fathers of the Zion. Revolution conceived my own country's declaration of Independence. It too was born out of a battle of freedom. It too grew out of a need to guarantee a haven to the homeless and the destitute to offer our people a homecoming after centuries of wandering. It too was written by the hand of pioneers determined to build a new and better society..."

Rabin pointed out that "at the time of our people's homecoming, the American Revolution was in its infancy. It was a time when the American people were just beginning to build a new and better society..."

He noted that two weeks ago in Jerusalem he signed a scroll for a new park in the Israeli capital called "The Liberty Bell Garden..." at its center will stand an exact replica of your Liberty Bell...

Liberty Bell of Jerusalem will stand as a reminder to us of the freedom in which both our peoples were conceived. It will stand as the symbol of a brotherhood we cherish.

He said, "Let Americans know that this year, your bicentennial year, there has been set aside in Jerusalem's heart a garden that will bloom and that is dedicated to the people of the United States of America."

Rabin said that the message of the Liberty Bell "is that there is no sacrifice too high for freedom and that a nation ready to defend its freedom shall yet win the peace. Israel shall win the peace with that same confidence of spirit that came out of this historic place 200 years ago."

On arrival at Philadelphia airport, Rabin said he had made the city his first stop "because this is

the proper place for us to enter America in the year 1976."

We are here because this is where free America began 200 years ago. Here is where the bell of Liberty rang out its message across the land and across the seas. Philadelphia is where a new covenant of hope was proclaimed for all mankind.

Hundreds of school children waving U.S. and Israeli flags welcomed Rabin and his wife, as a marching band played the Palmach song. The Premier and his party received a 19-gun salute, and were greeted by Mayor Frank Rizzo and Pennsylvania Governor Milton Shapp. Mayor Rizzo handed Rabin a proclamation awarding him the freedom of the city.

Only U.S. Ambassador to Israel Malcolm Toon and Chief of Protocol Henry Catto were on hand, as the official visit begins with a ceremony at the White House this morning.

Governor Shapp, a declared Democratic presidential hopeful, wished Rabin luck in his talks with President Ford and Secretary of State Henry Kissinger during this week. He expressed the hope that the U.S. will continue its policy of keeping Israel strong.

Rabin presented Mayor Rizzo with an engraving of 18th Century Jerusalem, and a gift from Jerusalem's Mayor Teddy Kolek. He later attended a public assembly of solidarity with Israel, and during the evening was the guest at a reception by Israel Consul-General Emanuel Shimoni.

Rabin left Ben-Gurion airport yesterday morning and was seen off by most members of the Cabinet and Chief of Staff, Mordechai Gur.

"I'm pleased to be the first head of government to visit the United States officially this year — the bicentennial year of the American revolution," Rabin told reporters before boarding the plane.

"I'll have the opportunity to have deep and thorough exchanges with the President, the Secretary of State, members of Congress and others," he said. "I believe it is advisable to do this now, at a time of what has been developing in the area and the need to establish a better understanding and cooperation in efforts to move the peace process ahead."

M-E visit confirmed

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

PHILADELPHIA. — President Ford is considering a visit in April to five Middle East nations in order to demonstrate America's continued desire to maintain a constructive diplomatic momentum, and to head off a possible outbreak of renewed fighting in the Golan Heights at the end of May, when the UN mandate once again expires.

The White House officially confirmed yesterday what "a senior American official" told reporters aboard Secretary of State Kissinger's return flight from Europe to Washington. That official said that the Ford Administration was not ready to give up its diplomatic efforts even during this presidential election year.

Over the next six weeks, the official told reporters, the Administration intends to develop a new policy on how to proceed in Middle East negotiations. Ford will review this issue with visiting Prime Minister Rabin, who begins his talks with the President this morning following an official White House lawn welcoming ceremony. Rabin flies by helicopter from Philadelphia to Washington.

Administration officials are not hiding their fear that unless some progress is shown and the diplomatic movement maintained, the Syrian might refuse to accept the mandate at the end of May, and even resume fighting. This would put added pressure on Israel.

Although there had been previous speculation among the press that Ford would visit the Middle East this year — an election year in the U.S. — the senior official's confirmation was the first official indication. The five countries the President would visit are Israel,

Egypt, Jordan, Syria and Saudi Arabia.

Administration officials are not optimistic that another Middle East agreement will be achieved this year, but are nevertheless anxious to demonstrate an American willingness to proceed in talks in order to placate the Arab side.

Ford will therefore be asking Rabin to come up with some new ideas. Israeli sources here, however, believe that the U.S. should reverse the pressure, and attempt to use its leverage in the Arab world to modify Arab demands, not just Israel's.

The Americans have privately been upset over what they perceive to be Israel's policy of stalling during this election year in the hope of waiting for a new Democratic administration after the November election. They were outraged by Defence Minister Shimon Peres' virtual confirmation of this statement in a "New York Times" interview last month.

No one here is predicting that the Rabin-Ford talks today and tomorrow will be easy, although on the surface American and Israeli officials will attempt to show that relations are as warm as ever.

During their talks today, Ford and Rabin are scheduled to have an overall review of the current Middle East situation, and during tomorrow's session to get into greater detail. They will also discuss "bilateral" issues, specifically future U.S. economic and military assistance to Israel.

Kissinger is host at a luncheon at the State Department for Rabin today. The Prime Minister later in the afternoon meets with Vice-President Rockefeller. Tonight Ford gives a White House dinner for Rabin and more than 100 other guests.

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Beersheba	34-24	35-25
Eilat	21-11	22-12
Tiran Straits	21-11	22-12

Social and Personal

Air Marshall Sir John Alken, Commander of the British Forces in the Middle East, and the British Ambassador, Thomas Elliot, yesterday called on acting Prime Minister Yigal Alon.

Dr. Jacob Sheskin, clinical senior lecturer in dermatology at the Hebrew University's Faculty of Medicine, has received the "Gold Medal for Sciences" for 1975 from France's oldest scientific society, the Society for the Encouragement of Progress, in co-operation with the American Division of the World Academy of Art and Science, in recognition of his research on Hansen's disease.

Moshe Rofeh, the Haifa municipal secretary, was yesterday elected board chairman of the local branch of Magen David Adom.

Tel Aviv Mayor Shlomo Lahat will speak on "Tel Aviv-Jaffa: At the next meeting of the South African Zionist Federation Luncheon Club, Thursday, January 29, at 1 p.m., at the Sinai Hotel, 11 Rehov Trumpeldor, Tel Aviv. Luncheon IL22 per person. RSVP 03-290121. Come early.

Friday's Jerusalem Vocal Newspaper will be devoted to the topic: "Zionism's Challenges for 1976." Zionist General Council members Dov Frimer of the Labour Party and Raphael Koplovitz of Herut will participate. Aharon Cohen, headmaster of the Amalia girls' school, will lecture on "The Zionist Awakening in Italy." The programme will start at 8.15 p.m. at Beit Ha'am.

The English-speaking group of Jerusalem WIZO will hold a snack and punch party this afternoon at five at their club at 1 Rehov Yaffa. Jerusalem Post cartoonist Ya'acov Kirshen — "Dry Bones" — will speak.

Veteran psychiatrist David Bental, at 82

HAIFA. — Psychiatrist David Bental (Blumental), founder and long-time director of the mental institution which bears his name, died here yesterday, aged 82.

On immigrating from Dessau, Germany, in 1933, he established what for long was the only institution of its kind in the North.

He is survived by his wife, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The funeral will leave from Ramat Hasharon Hospital for the old Carmel Beach Cemetery at 2 p.m. today.

Half of Egged members against stock transfer

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Many Egged members are still opposed to the transfer of their stocks in subsidiaries of the cooperative to help finance operations.

The Egged opposition faction is reported to have collected the signatures of more than 50 per cent of members on a petition rejecting the transfer of stocks. The faction is said to be determined to oppose any commitment made by the Egged secretariat to the government at the expense of members' stock.

Knesset asked to ban retroactive tax laws

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Like Knesset Member Yehzekel Flumin yesterday introduced a private member's bill that would prohibit retroactive tax laws.

Flumin explained that the last straw for him had been the recent imposition of higher water prices, retroactive as of December, 1. Initially Agriculture Minister Aharon Uzan had asked for the higher rates to come into force retroactive to October. However, the Knesset Finance Committee last week refused this.

Faction members say they would oppose a transfer of the stock on legal grounds.

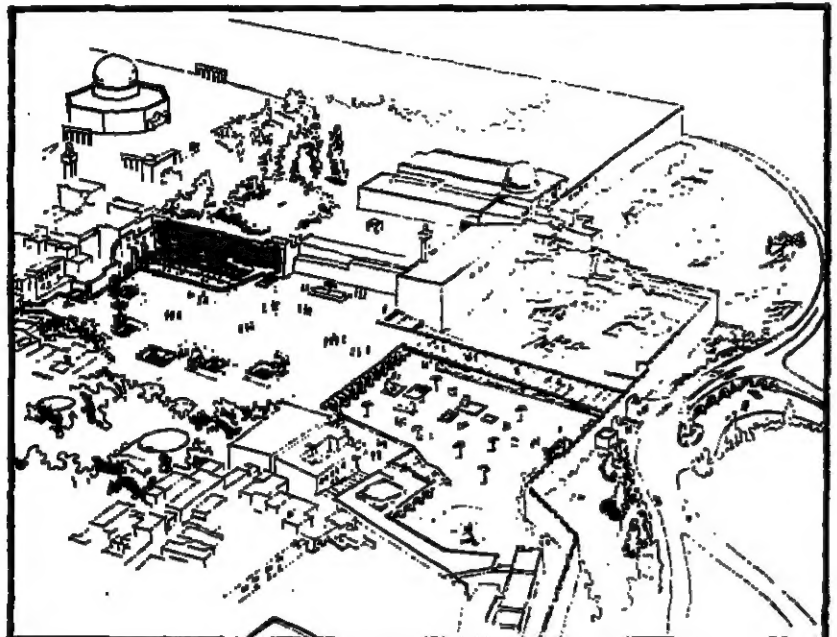
Egged members have three types of stock. The first is a general Egged stock. Every cooperative member must buy such stock on joining the cooperative. At one time it was pegged to the price of a bus, then to half the cost. Today the price is IL120,000.

Theoretically, when a member goes on pension he is allowed to sell this stock. During the last few months about 80 Egged members were eligible to sell their stocks, but they were not redeemed because of a lack of funds.

The second type of stock is called "Nitzva" and includes investments in the stock market and real estate. All Egged members must buy such stocks, but can only redeem them when they go on pension. It is learnt that these stocks have been mortgaged for loans.

Holding of the third type of stock is voluntary and only 20 per cent of the members have it. The stock is in a company called "Mifalei Hatachnot," formed to build and run bus stations. This company is jointly owned by Egged and a Bank Hapoalim subsidiary called Amot. All of the Egged stocks here are also mortgaged, it is said.

Haifa architect offers plan for Western Wall



Architect Parag's plan for the Western Wall area.

A new proposal for the design of the Western Wall area was thrown into the ring yesterday by a Haifa architect who called a press conference in Jerusalem. He drew up the plan at his own initiative.

The architect, Ya'acov Parag, attacked the plan by Moshe Safdie the only one presently being considered by the authorities as missing its mark by subjugating the Wall to surrounding architecture. Safdie proposes a series of terraces descending from the Jewish Quarter to the Wall in an amphitheatre effect.

Instead of having the visitor descend to the Wall, said Parag, he would offer approaches that exalt the Wall. He would accomplish this by creating two levels between the Dung Gate and the Wall itself. The lower level, corresponding to the Second Temple period, would be at the height of

the current archaeological digs south and west of the Temple Mount.

The lower level in the plan consists of three elements. The first is an entrance plaza just inside the Dung Gate — where, Parag suggests, the visitor can prepare for the spiritual experience which lies ahead. From there, passing through 12 arched gateways, the visitor enters a huge covered space divided into smaller halls where the various religious communities can pray. Visible through the arches at the far end is the open prayer area in front of the Wall. Parag says its former intimacy would be restored because the space would be enclosed.

The upper level, reached by a ramp from the Dung Gate, would be a site for large national or religious assemblies.

Parag would distribute throughout the area sculptures depicting Jewish history, archaeological finds from Jerusalem and other sites, and other items from the Jewish past, such as the remains of synagogues from the Diaspora.



Veterans of the Red Army and the Canadian and U.S. armies met on Sunday at Ben-Gurion Airport. They had just arrived for the World Assembly of Jewish War Veterans, which opened officially in Jerusalem last night.

U.S. veteran gives Yad Vashem a photograph of Hitler's will

A photographic copy of Hitler's will was presented to the Yad Vashem memorial authority yesterday by a former brigadier in the U.S. Army, a veteran of the unit which found the will in Germany during World War II.

Fred Gronick, one of the participants in the Jewish war veterans' convention which officially opened in Jerusalem last night, handed the copy to Minister Gideon Hausner, chairman of the Yad Vashem Council.

Gronick explained that his unit had located one of Hitler's friends in Berlin who had a crate containing Hitler's uniform, will and diaries. Brigadier Gronick photographed the will, saved the copy, and on the occasion of the convention decided to give it to the memorial authority.

Some 1,000 participants in the convention attended a memorial assembly at Yad Vashem. They laid wreaths at the Martyrs Tomb.

A former officer in the Red Army, Shimon Karplinsky, suffered a heart attack and died during the Yad Vashem ceremony.

Karplinsky, who lost an arm during his World War II service, came to Israel four years ago and lived in Hadera. He was in the process of writing his memoirs as a Jewish fighter in the Russian army. One of his daughters is still in the Soviet Union. Karplinsky was taken in a Magen David ambulance to Hadera, but attempts to revive him failed.

Later, participants attended a memorial ceremony at the Mount Herzl military cemetery for the fallen of the Israel Defense Forces. At the Western Wall, the torch of the Unknown Jewish Soldier was kindled; and the Chief Army Chaplain, Aluf Mordechai Piron, recited a prayer.

The convention, attended by about 500 veterans of Allied forces from nine countries, abroad and about 800 veterans from Israel, opened at the Jerusalem Hilton with greetings from President Ephraim Katzir

and from Aluf (Res.) Haim Laskov, chairman of the Israel veterans' association.

At a discussion on "Anti-Semitism and Discrimination" yesterday, Jerome Bakst of the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League in the U.S., and Nahum Olshansky, who was a colonel in the Red Army and came to Israel 10 months ago, talked about the situation in the U.S. and the Soviet Union.

Bakst referred to the recently published document called "Arab Interests in the Service of the Arab Cause," which includes long-range plans for control of the American economy and public opinion through petrodollars. He noted that seven Saudi businessmen had recently toured 10 American cities, offering profitable deals on the clear condition that Jews not be employed by the firms involved. He said the Arabs last year spent \$30m. on a sophisticated anti-Semitic public relations campaign, and he estimated they would spend 50 per cent more this year.

Alignment politics ire Speaker

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Two deputy speakers of the Knesset's Alignment faction yesterday handed over their functions to two colleagues, under a rotation system which aroused the displeasure of Speaker Yisrael Yeshayahu.

Mordechai Ben-Porat of the Alignment's ex-Rafi wing handed over to Moshe Shabai of its Mapai wing, while Yehuda Yudin of Mapam handed over to Avraham Gewerher of the Alignment's Ahdut Avoda wing.

Yeshayahu commented that the intra-faction deal flouted the House Rules, which specify that the Speaker and his deputies are elected for the entire duration of the Knesset.

In other action, the Speaker and his deputies yesterday refused to accord urgency to a motion for the agenda requested by Shmuel Tamir (Likud-Free Centre) on the Lebanese situation — despite a ruling last Friday by the Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee that there was no obstacle to this motion. Tamir will appeal for the second time to the House Committee.

According to one report, Acting Premier Yigal Alon told the Knesset Presidium that he was not eager to reply to the motion while Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin (now in the U.S.) is away.

Israeli envoy hurt in Honduras plane crash

Israel's Ambassador to Honduras and Costa Rica, Eli Nevo, was slightly injured in a plane crash in western Honduras on Sunday. His wife Shoshana was unhurt; but their son, Ya'acov, suffered a slight shoulder injury, the Foreign Ministry spokesman said yesterday.

The small Honduras Air Force plane in which the Nevos were travelling crashed as the pilot tried to make an emergency landing in a banana plantation. Agency reports that the Nevo family were seriously hurt were exaggerated, the spokesman said.

EGGED

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Like beggars before the committee for more money every month."

By 9.30 last night Egged officials had not yet received the official Knesset Committee proposals, and thus were not willing to comment officially or to take any decision.

It is believed that the Egged secretariat will meet this morning after the official Knesset decision has been received, and later the 30-man management will decide whether to call off the strike.

Speaker Israel Yeshayahu told his deputies at a meeting of the Knesset Presidium yesterday that the Egged executives had apologized to him for the behaviour of members during Sunday's violent demonstration outside the Knesset. Mr. Yeshayahu condemned the demonstration and said the conduct of the demonstrators was unacceptable.

A Haifa advocate, Reuven Cheyne, who obtained a court injunction last week against the misuse of buses to obstruct traffic, received a threatening telephone call at his office on Sunday morning. In the evening his wife Raya (one of two residents on whose behalf the order was issued) was told by an anonymous caller: "Watch your children and watch your lives."

According to the police, Egged drivers did not interfere with traffic in the Tel Aviv area yesterday.

Nikrav-Mishne Abraham Turgeon, head of the Traffic Department at National Police Headquarters, told The Post that he believed there had not been an increase in serious road accidents during the five days of the strike. He thought, however, that there had been many more smaller accidents (like dented fenders etc.) than usual.

In deep sorrow, we announce the death of

BESSY DAMLIN

of South Africa

The funeral will take place today, Tuesday, January 27, 1976, at 3 p.m., at Kibbutz Massada, Jordan Valley.

Damlin Family
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MARY ABI NADER

mother of Dr. Edward Abi Nader, at the age of 72.

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The Family

ELEAZER GOLETKA

A memorial meeting and unveiling of the tombstone will take place on Wednesday, January 28, 1976, at 3.00 p.m. at the Ramat Hasharon Cemetery.

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With deep sorrow, we announce the passing of my dearest husband, brother, father and grandfather

Dr. DAVID (Kurt) BENTAL

The funeral will leave today, Tuesday, January 27, 1976, at 2 p.m. from the Rambam Hospital for the Old Carmel Beach Cemetery.

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and families
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and family
His brother Dr. Walter Blumenthal

T.A. Hapoel to play Antibes again tonight

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Tel Aviv Hapoel hoopers face the uphill task of closing the 25-point gap against Olympic Antibes, the French first-division squad, in a Korac Cup return game at Yad Elyahu tonight. In the first game last week, Antibes beat Hapoel 101-76.

The French team arrived here yesterday and will be led by their two tall Americans, Bill Phillips (2.14 metres) and Don Alcomb (2.10). The Tel Aviv opening five will be Leibovitz, Spite, Avissar, Torenstein and Wachman.

In preparation for the international match, Tel Aviv Hapoel beat Ramat Gan Hapoel 106-80 on Sunday night.

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RESIDENTIAL WORKOUT. — President Ephraim Katzir was photographed yesterday during one of his regular early-morning tennis sessions. The President plays twice a week with Jerusalem ch Menahem Kristal (in photo at far right).

10 suspects held in pre-dawn raid Money stolen from police safe recovered

By ARTHUR KEMELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Local police brushed their battered pride yesterday, following the recovery of the money stolen from Jaffa police headquarters earlier this month. Ten suspects have been arrested, and more arrests are expected. The arrest of the 10 including women, was based on information supplied by informers, police sources said. Vitzav David Ofer, commander of Tel Aviv Police District, told reporters in a hastily convened press conference that top police officials, after examining the evidence gathered over the past two days, decided to make their move yesterday morning. Fifteen men of police officers — a total more than 70 men armed with submachine guns, spread out over the city — each team assigned to different suspect. By early afternoon the police had rounded up suspects, an unspecified quantity of foreign and local currency, four other commandeered boats and steel building material. Vitzav Ofer said the money was being checked by the laboratory of the criminal identification division. But a comparison of the serial numbers has already established that the money recovered yesterday came from the stolen safe. The empty safe was found a week in a field near Kfar Slem. The money seized by the police

was still being counted yesterday. However, reporters were allowed to look at the "loot," and a cursory inspection indicated that the quantity of foreign currency now in police hands approaches the \$300,000 stolen. Lying on a table in the Tel Aviv district headquarters on Dizengoff Street were stacks of foreign currency, including American and Canadian dollars, Swiss francs, Taiwanese and Jordanian notes, travelers cheques and gold coins. The money, according to the police, had been divided among the members of the gang. Yesterday's series of raids capped two weeks of intensive investigation by the police following the highly embarrassing theft from police headquarters of a safe containing money seized in several arrests of money changers. In the course of their investigation, the special team set up after the theft used polygraph tests on police personnel at the headquarters. A police spokesman told *The Jerusalem Post* earlier this week that the tests had revealed that no person had supplied information leading to the theft. Vitzav Ofer, however, noted that the investigation was still in its early stages; and he was unwilling to indicate how the thieves had known the location of the safe or its contents. The 10 suspects arrested, according to Ofer, are known to the police and some have been in prison before. One of the suspects is cooperating with the police, he said.

Gaza terrorists jailed for life

TEL AVIV. — A military tribunal here yesterday sentenced Nabil Faraj, a 20-year-old Palestinian, to life imprisonment for a series of terror attacks between 1970 and 1974. Faraj was sentenced to life imprisonment for throwing a grenade at a bus and a half to seven years for also handing down to four others convicted of terrorist activities. In May 1971 Faraj planted a bomb under a railway line near Ashdod and threw a hand grenade at an army vehicle, injuring four soldiers. He was also convicted of murdering an army bus, wounding a soldier with Kalashnikov fire. Ten hand grenades, Kari Gustav machineguns and a variety of

explosives were found in his possession at the time of arrest, late in 1974. The court also sentenced Ibrahim al-Amrani, 20, to 15 years' imprisonment for throwing a grenade in a Gaza cinema in October 1973. Rashid Mortaja and Rashid al-Majni got seven years for possession of hand grenades, machineguns and ammunition. Ghazi Hamadi got 18 months for membership in a hostile organization. A court in Lydda yesterday sentenced Zuhair al-Afiani, 22, of Gaza to life imprisonment. The student, who belonged to the Arab Front, threw fire bombs into two Ashkelon shops on April 17, 1975. (Him)

New tennis centre will be ready by late April

By JACK LEON
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The \$2m. Israel Tennis Centre at Ramat Hasharon will open in late April for the annual Pessah International tournament. A total of 13 all-weather courts will be ready for use, including one with seats for up to 1,500 spectators. The Prime Minister's wife, Leah Rabin — a keen tennis player — has agreed to become patron of the Centre, director Ian Froman told reporters here yesterday. He was speaking at a press conference held by the Israel Lawn Tennis Association (ILTA) to launch its programme of activities for 1976. The strong overseas entry expected for the Pessah meet will also compete in invitation tournaments in Jerusalem and Haifa, ILTA secretary-general Mike Karmon stated. The association plans to bring

over a full-time coach from abroad in the spring, when the Ramat Hasharon facilities are ready. Reporting this, team manager Haim Landes said it is also intended to inaugurate a scheme under which foreign players will be brought here on a regular basis to work out with the national and junior squads. The centre will eliminate the need to send players abroad for training; and in future the emphasis will be on coaching at home whenever possible, Landes said. This year's intensified training programme will be launched early next month — when top British tennis coaches Angela Buxton and Jimmy Jones are to hold an intensive one-week course for local coaches at the Wingate Institute. The association's budget for the coming year will be IL\$90,000, an increase of more than one-third.

Treasury seeks IL9.3b. for next two months

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinovitch yesterday presented to the Knesset a IL\$9.300m. supplementary budget bill for its first reading. The supplementary budget is for the 1975/76 fiscal year, which ends on March 31. The IL\$9.300m. deficit will be offset by additional income of IL\$5,500m., Rabinovitch said, with the missing IL\$3,800m. to be financed by Bank of Israel credits. He said the large deficit had been caused by unforeseen political and economic developments during the year. He promised that next year's budget estimates would reflect conditions more accurately, and that every effort

would then be made to stay within the budget. In the ensuing debate several Knesset members were severely critical. Simcha Erlich (Likud) scored the Government for failing to assess developments correctly during the year. He said that while the income tax administration has insufficient manpower to collect all taxes due, it tries to make up the shortcoming with exhortatory notices in the news media aimed at frightening the taxpayer. Coalition members Aharon Efrat (Alignment-Mapam), Yitzhak Golan (Independent Liberals) and Avraham Melamed (National Religious) complained bitterly about the supplementary budget, and threatened to abstain from voting it to committee. The Alignment faction will hold a special discussion on the budget tonight.

Fire damages Israeli box factory in Gaza

GAZA. — An Israeli-owned box factory here was heavily damaged by fire early Sunday morning. Police suspect arson. Passers-by discovered smoke at 5 a.m. and told the police, who immediately summoned the fire department. The firemen stopped the flames from spreading but could not prevent the loss of boxes and the company's wood supply. (Him)

Jerusalem comptroller's report: Builders gain, young couples lose

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

An attempt to provide low-priced housing for young couples in Jerusalem has resulted instead in illegal windfalls for building contractors as a result of negligence by Prazot and the Municipality, according to the Jerusalem Municipal Comptroller. In his annual report, issued last week, the comptroller analyses the programme launched in 1971 by the municipality under which contractors were permitted to add ground-floor apartments on sloping sites — spaces normally taken up by support columns or fill. If these apartments were sold to young couples at reduced price. When the programme was announced, 800 young couples registered. When he began his investigation, the comptroller discovered that Prazot (the Government-Municipality housing company which was supposed to administer the project) had no complete list of apartments built under the scheme. Neither did the Local Planning Committee, which had to give formal building approval for all such apartments. By going through the committee's protocols for 1971-74, the comptroller found that 75 apartments had been approved — but only 18 turned over to Prazot for distribution to young couples. Most of the rest had been sold or rented by the contractors on the open market. The comptroller's report declares

it "impossible to understand" how Prazot could fail to come to grips with the issue at a time when there was tremendous pressure for housing for young couples. The recent resignation of the Prazot official directly responsible for the project, the comptroller declared, does not relieve the director of Prazot, Micha Kenet, of responsibility for the situation. The comptroller also blames the Municipal Planning Department for failing to keep a list of apartments approved under the scheme and to coordinate with Prazot. The municipal legal adviser is taken to task as well for failing to take swift action. The comptroller recommends that the municipality take legal action against the offending contractors.

Literary awards for bettering racial ties

The Israel Interfaith Committee is to award three prizes totaling IL\$19,000 for a literary work, play or film which helps improve relations between members of different religions, communities and peoples in this country. The prizes will be for a literary work which contributes "in a significant way" to promoting understanding and goodwill between the various communities (IL\$7,000); for a play or film on the same subject (IL\$7,000); or for a literary work written for children (IL\$5,000). The works, which may be in Hebrew, Arabic or English, should be sent to the Israel Interfaith Committee, P.O.B. 2028, Jerusalem, by April 15. THE SEAMEN'S UNION (ratings) yesterday declared a labour dispute against the shipping companies over payment of children's allowances from the National Insurance Institute and the return of Defence Loan certificates. The union warned it will take action in 15 days. Zim last night started negotiations to resolve the dispute.

Damiya Bridge repairs

The Damiya (Adam) Bridge, serving traffic between the northern West Bank district of Samaria and Jordan, will be closed for four days as of next Thursday for repairs, the spokesman for the Judea and Samaria Command said yesterday. He said the span would reopen next Monday. During the repair work, Damiya traffic will be shifted to Allenby Bridge, the usual crossing point for travellers moving between Jordan and Judea, East Jerusalem and the Gaza Strip.

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Treasury denies 1976 prices to rise by 40%

Jerusalem Post Economics Reporter
Treasury officials yesterday refuted a Bank of Israel study predicting a 40 per cent price increase for 1976. Publication of the study has aroused anger not only in the Treasury but also within the bank itself. *The Jerusalem Post* learned yesterday that the study conducted by three economists had neither been discussed nor approved by the bank directorate before publication. Bank officials subsequently found that its arithmetic is off by at least 5 per cent. According to a Treasury estimate, the 1976 cost-of-living hike will reach 30 per cent. But since Government policy is to curb consumption, the net rise is expected to be only 25 per cent.

'Rational' garbage routes in Jerusalem

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Rationalized garbage collection is the latest blessing to be bestowed upon residents of the Holy City by City Hall. In order to extend service to new neighbourhoods without adding manpower, the Jerusalem sanitation department is reorganizing its collection routes so that garbage will be picked up no more than three times a week in certain districts — instead of five or six, as at present. The routes chosen for reduction will be those whose garbage bins at present runneth not over. In addition, the 76-litre garbage bins now in common use will be changed in many areas to 900-litre bins. Giant bins with capacities of 16,000-20,000 litres will be distributed to hotels, industrial areas, hospitals and other institutions.

U.S. convention organizers here

A group of 11 leading U.S. congress and conventions organizers have arrived for a week's stay during which they will inspect the country's facilities to hold international gatherings. The group represents the International Congress and Convention Association and is headed by Gilbert Garber, president of the ICCA. During their stay the Americans, who are the guests of El Al and Kotel Conventions, will meet with the mayors of the three major cities, tour towns in the West Bank, and visit the Technion and the Weizmann Institute. ISRAELI ARTISTS Tamar Getter, Ya'ir Garbus, Rafi Lavie and Michal Ne'eman will show their films, to demonstrate film as an art medium, at the Israel Museum at 8 p.m. Wednesday.

Rabbi Unterman dies at 90

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After at the Talmudic College, honorary president of the Jewish National Fund in Liverpool, vice-president of the JNF for Great Britain, honorary president of the Liverpool Mizrahi Society and honorary president of the Jewish Family Societies. Unterman became increasingly known and respected for his knowledge, bearing and activities. His impressive public appearances earned him general respect and admiration. Unterman was a member of the Council of Christians and Jews and aided Jewish refugees before and during World War II. While pleading for clemency for 18 Jews sentenced to death in Haifa by the mandatory authorities, he appealed for the opening of the gates of Palestine. In 1946, as president of the British Mizrahi Organization, Unterman appeared before the Anglo-American Commission of Inquiry. That same year he was elected chief Rabbi of Tel Aviv-Jaffa, and took office on his arrival. That his family's entry permits would be deducted from the quota certificates intended for Jewish refugees. It was due to his firm

stand on this matter that the Mandatory authorities finally relented and allowed him to enter the country as a "British expert." In Tel Aviv Unterman organized rabbinical courts and was instrumental in the foundation of two *kohanim* or talmudic academies: Shevet Yahuda in Tel Aviv and Shevet Meholakim in Jerusalem. A prolific writer and contributor to the Yiddish, Hebrew and English press, and author of "Shevet Meholakim," a study on problems of *Hachana*, published in 1955, Unterman became president of the Tel Aviv Rabbinical Court in 1955, a member of the Chief Rabbinate Council soon afterwards, and, ultimately in 1964, Chief (Ashkenazi) Rabbi of Israel. He succeeded Chief Rabbi Herzog. The fact that he had already passed the mandatory retirement age for *doyotim* (75) created some difficulties, and he was unable to be a member of a rabbinical court or to serve as president of the Supreme Rabbinical Court. As Chief Rabbi, however, Unterman skillfully solved the problems of Bnei Yisrael registration, *kashrut* in abattoirs, and hotels, and easing of conversion of Russian immigrants. While opposing legislation for a unified liturgy for the Ashkenazi

and Sephardi communities, Chief Rabbi Unterman hoped such a unification would develop naturally, in the course of time. Author of a High Holiday prayer calling for the deliverance from oppression of Jews in the Soviet Union and the Arab countries, Unterman missed no opportunity to uphold Jewish rights. But he was always warm and respectful in his contacts with the Gentile world, especially with representatives of other faiths. In 1972 the new Chief Rabbinate Election Law eliminated the age ceiling for presidents of the Supreme Rabbinical Court, and Unterman took up the post. But in October of the same year he was defeated in the elections for Chief Rabbi and retired to his government-owned apartment in Rehov Keren Hayesod in Jerusalem to continue his studies. In 1973, at the age of 88, Unterman was awarded the Rabbi Y.L. Maimon Prize for Literature and Torah Research. Unterman was married twice; his second wife, Haya Fage, died in 1965. He had seven children: Avraham, Ya'acov, Mordechai, Baruch, Shmuel, Zvi and Esther. ALEXANDER SVIELLI

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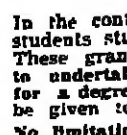
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Angola 'Marxists' are not as red as they are painted

LONDON. — Correspondents for
British newspapers covering the
civil war in Angola reported yester-
day that the Soviet-backed
Popular Movement (MPLA) has
made overtures to the U.S. for
help once the fighting has ended.

They also reported gross rotting
in the field and a drastic food
shortage.

Nicholas Ashford, writing for
"The Times" from the MPLA capital
of Luanda, said the movement
seemed likely to emerge victorious
from the war, and was "making
discreet overtures to the U.S."

Ashford wrote: "The message its
leaders are trying to get across is
that although the MPLA is at present
heavily dependent on Soviet
and Cuban military assistance, it
will need American and Western
help to reconstruct the country
once the fighting has ended."

Ashford said the MPLA's desire
to improve relations with Wash-
ington was illustrated by the treat-
ment accorded to Mark Moran,
foreign policy adviser to U.S. Sen-
ator John Tunney. Moran was on
a week's fact-finding visit to An-
gola and met nearly every MPLA
civil and military leader except
President Agostinho Neto. Ash-
ford said.

He said the MPLA-controlled

press had also modified its attacks
on the U.S. "The MPLA has good
reason to court Mr. Moran as Sen-
ator Tunney is the author of the
amendment which stopped the sup-
ply of American military assist-
ance to its rivals," Ashford said.

He quoted Moran as saying that
he had "the distinct impression
that the MPLA would like to have
better relations with the U.S. —
and the MPLA is not demanding
U.S. recognition as a price."

He further quoted Moran as say-
ing he felt the MPLA was trying
to strike a delicate balance be-
tween the need for American tech-
nical and financial assistance on
one hand and its present reliance
on Soviet and Cuban support on
the other.

Moran and independent observers
felt the MPLA embraced several
streams of opinion — Communist,
radical nationalist and moderate —
Ashford said. Moran believed mod-
erates had the upper hand at the
moment, but that they needed "a
softening of American attitudes
towards the MPLA in order to
legitimize their position in relation
to the more radical members."

Moran noted that several MPLA
leaders had gone out of their way
to emphasize that the movement
was not opposed in principle to

multinational corporations. "This is
significant and shows an aware-
ness that the market for Angola's
main products — oil, diamonds
and coffee — will continue to be
in the West," Ashford said.

A report in the "Daily Tele-
graph" from Quibala, a southern
Angolan farming community and
now an MPLA southern-front gar-
rison town, wrote of deprivation
and starvation. "In the war zones,
almost half in the vast reaches of
this naturally-rich African coun-
try, it is mainly the Africans who
are dying. But in Quibala and other
regional centres in the great agri-
cultural and livestock belts there
is emerging a new threat — de-
privation and starvation," the cor-
respondent, A.J. McIlroy wrote.

He said harvests were rotting or
growing wild because they were
unpicked or uncut. Coffee planta-
tions which once had made Angola
the fourth biggest producer in the
world were mostly abandoned by
their Portuguese owners after the
country gained its independence
last November 11.

"Hundreds of millions of acres
of sugar cane, cotton, pineapples
and the cattle dairy farms, pigs
and chickens — even the banana
plantations — all are badly neg-
lected," (AP)

CIA spent triple its allocation

WASHINGTON. — The total cost
of U.S. intelligence operations is
\$10,000 million a year, three or four
times the amount listed in the an-
nual defence appropriations bill, ac-
cording to the final report of the
select House Intelligence Commit-
tee.

The 338-page report was approved
on Friday by the committee by a
9-4 vote. It has not been released
publicly, but sources familiar with
it described some of its contents
Sunday.

They said the report gives top-
secret details on navy submarine
spying on Soviet missile launchings
and other covert U.S. operations,
including CIA aid for Angola, Kur-
dish rebels and Italian political par-
ties.

It condemns the U.S. failure of
intelligence to predict the Soviet
invasion of Czechoslovakia in 1968.
The report suggests that figures
in the defence appropriations bill
do not account for money for non-
intelligence activities, such as ac-
counting and military missions that

also serve intelligence purposes.

Previously published reports have
said that former president Nixon
secretly provided millions of dol-
lars worth of arms for Kurdish re-
bels at the request of the Shah of
Iran. The previous reports, based on
information provided to the commit-
tee, said that the Shah asked Nixon
during a visit to Tehran in May
1972 to provide untraceable arms
for Kurdish rebels in North-eastern
Iraq.

The CIA and State Department
opposed the American involvement
but tens of millions of dollars worth
of Soviet and Chinese rifles and
heavy arms and ammunition were
sent, the reports said. The aid was
eventually stopped and the Kurdish
rebels defeated after Iran and Iraq
signed a treaty.

The CIA has also reportedly sup-
plied some \$50m. in arms aid to
pro-Western forces fighting against
Cuban-led, pro-Soviet troops in An-
gola.

The "New York Times" said in
yesterday's editions that a copy

of the report it obtained also
showed that:

- The National Security Agency,
which has the responsibility for
monitoring the communications of
other nations and attempting to
break their codes, illegally listened
in on overseas telephone conver-
sations of specific American citizens
whose names or telephone numbers
had been provided to it by "an-
other government agency."

- The Federal Bureau of Investi-
gation violated its own manual
of regulations by preserving in its
files "intimate sexual gossip" picked
up by agents during a criminal
investigation.

- Robert Maheu, a former
top aide to Howard Hughes, the
billionaire, arranged at the request
of the CIA to supply King Hus-
sein of Jordan and other foreign
leaders with female companions who
were reimbursed with federal funds.
Maheu later denied the allegations
but declined any further comment.
(AP)

Moro trying to form minority government

ROME. — Playing his final card
to block early national elections,
Francesco De Martino, the 86-year-
old, yesterday proposed giving leadership
to a minority government of his
Christian Democrats alone.

The one-party cabinet would re-
quire the outside parliamentary back-
ing of the Socialists, who on January
7 toppled Moro's minority coalition
of Christian Democrats and Republi-
cans.

In refusing on Saturday to join
a three-party coalition with the
previous government members, the
Socialists did not rule out the pos-
sibility of supporting a one-party
minority cabinet.

Moro, in trying to assemble Ital-
y's 38th government in 32 years,
is seeking to avert national elec-
tions that could bring the West's
largest Communist party into the
government. The 58-year-old Chris-
tian Democrat, a four-time premier,
has so far won assurances of sup-
port from the Social Democrat Par-
ty, which has 30 seats in the 630-
seat Chamber of Deputies. The
Christian Democrats have 266 seats
and with the 61 Socialist votes could
count on a healthy 41-vote majority.

The 15-seat Republican Party on
Sunday had forced Moro into a cor-
ner by refusing to join a minority
coalition with the Christian Demo-
crats and Social Democrats. They
said their support of a one-party
cabinet would depend on its pro-
grammes.

The Socialists brought down the
old government over disagreement
on how to rescue Italy from seven
per cent unemployment and 17-per-
cent inflation.

Italy's foreign exchange market,
shut down last Wednesday to stem
speculation against a sagging na-
tional currency on the brink of deval-
uation, remained closed yesterday.
(UPI)

Goldmann denial on reparations

LONDON. — Dr. Nahum Gold-
mann, president of the World Jew-
ish Congress, denied yesterday that
his negotiations with the West Ger-
man authorities on claims for
DM 600m. by Holocaust victims have
collapsed, with the West Germans
saying they will pay no more com-
pensation.

In a cable to the JTA office in
London, Dr. Goldmann said that "no
decision has been reached by the
German Government concerning the
matter. It is quite likely that, be-
cause of the financial problems fa-
cing the German Government and
in view of the beginning election
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to be postponed till after the elec-
tions. But no negative decision has
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'Torture in Egypt' film will be shown

CAIRO. — An Egyptian court
yesterday authorized the pub-
lic showing of a controversial
film depicting scenes of torture
and rape allegedly committed
by the state intelligence agency
during the Nasser regime.

The country's former Chief of
Intelligence, Salah Nasr, had
sought in a suit to have the
film banned on grounds of
character assassination. But the
three-judge court ruled that the
character in the film "did not
frankly or in an implied way"
relate to Nasr, court sources
said.

The film, called "Karnak,"
after a popular Cairo cafe where
leftist students and intellectuals
met, throws some of the coun-
try's previous history open to
public scrutiny in the same way
as the film "Z" depicted abuses
of authority during the military
dictatorship in Greece.

Just like French director
Costa Gavras of "Z", producer
Mamdouh el-Leithy used scenes
of brutality allegedly carried out
to extract confessions, film
critics said.

One of the most controversial
scenes in "Karnak" shows a man
raping a young girl on the floor
of the office of an Egyptian
intelligence head while the chief
looks on the desk, looks on im-
passively.

The author of the screenplay
is one of Egypt's best-known
writers. He has written two
other film scripts with political
themes that have been widely
acclaimed as realistic.

Commenting on the film re-
cently, the mass circulation
daily "Al-Akhar" said it typi-
fied what went on in Egypt be-
fore 1967 and led to the defeat
of Arab forces by Israel in June
of that year.

The case was brought before
the court almost a month ago.
Nasr, who was fired after the
Egyptian defeat, had also sought
to ban the film on grounds it
would prejudice the outcome of
suits brought against him by
relatives of persons who reported
intelligence held them in custody.

These relatives are seeking
large sums in damages from the
state. (AP)

E. Germans jail Westerner for smuggling refugees

BERLIN. — An East German
court sentenced a West Berliner
to 15 years imprisonment yester-
day for helping refugees escape to the
West.

The official news agency ADN
said Rainer Schubert, 29, was given
the sentence for what was described
as "professional human smuggling."
The state prosecutor had asked a
life term.

It was the third known case in
which a 15-year term was imposed.
Lesser sentences have gone to per-
sons accused of being minor figures
in what the East Germans say are
organized refugee smuggling rings
operating in West Germany.

The Schubert case was given
special East German attention as
a showcase example of such ac-
tivity, with several West German
journalists and an official West
German representative allowed to
attend the East Berlin trial.

According to ADN, Schubert was
accused of smuggling out at least
37 persons. The agency claimed
he was paid between \$4,000 and
\$11,200 per smuggled person.

A West German newspaper re-
ported Schubert had fled East Ber-
lin in 1956 with his mother and
said he testified his main motivation

was political and not financial.
Other accounts reported Schubert
said he was paid a lot less than
the East Germans alleged —
enough to cover his expenses.

West German authorities have
not denied the existence of refugee
aid rings which operate for money.

Schubert was alleged to have
begun his activities in 1972. Trans-
port controls were eased that
year, and a number of cases in
which persons were smuggled out
hidden in vehicles came to public
attention. West Berlin police have
speculated privately that the East
Germans now may have some sort
of device that indicates if a
human body is inside a compari-
ment, for example, a car trunk.

In another recent Communist
trial case, a West Berlin mother
of nine and a young man, prepa-
ration woman were sentenced to more
than two years for giving false
papers and those of a three-year-
old boy to a Dresden doctor's family
who successfully fled to the West.

But when the two West Ber-
lin women and the child tried to
leave East Germany hidden in a
car, it was searched and they were
caught. (AP)

Chinese silent on the man to succeed Chou

TOKYO. — China has given no
indication, nearly three weeks after
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how, it will find a replacement for
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nomic Advisers, stressed that
"the worst is over for the economy."
said Americans can take satisfac-
tion that the nation's economic sys-
tem has come through intact. They
have been "appreciable gains" in
reducing inflation, which declined
from 12 per cent in 1974 to 8.5
per cent in 1975, with an addi-
tional slowdown expected this year,
Ford said.

Unemployment remains a serious
problem, he said, but "it is slowly
moving in the right direction." An
attempt to bring the jobless rate
down quickly could ignite new in-
flation and make matters worse in
the long run, he added. (AP)

The muddled and dishonest debate about devolution

A BRITISH BALKANS ON THE WAY?

by PATRICK O'DONOVAN

LONDON. — There is a possi-
bility that the United Kingdom
(alias Great Britain) will break
up back into its component parts;
that it will fly apart and become
a miniature of the old Balkans.

It is an intriguing prospect, not
governed by logic or informed
self-interest. But then England
itself was once known as the
heptarchy, seven kingdoms that
changed shape as ceaselessly as
amoebae.

At present, of course, one of the
chief problems before the British
Government is devolution. This
means the transfer of considerable,
but limited power to elected as-
semblies in Edinburgh (for Scot-
land) and Cardiff (for Wales), with
a final veto remaining in Westmin-
ster. This is meant to satisfy the
upsurge of regional nationalism,
largely the result of Britain's eco-
nomic troubles. Well, why stay on
a sinking ship?

Devolution will for certain lead
to bitter quarrels, and the trend
can only be towards independence
and sovereignty. In fact some of
the Scottish and Welsh nationalist
leaders have already made this plain
in the muddled and dishonest debate
by which the English — who have
very little separate sense of iden-
tity — are at once bemused and a
little frightened.

Scotland seems to be the strong-
est candidate for independence. The
Scots are proud; they treasure griev-
ances like heirlooms. There has al-
ways been a romantic conception of
their separateness. There is also
the fact of their seriousness and
intellectual ability. Now all this has
been reinforced by the discovery of
oil in what may become Scottish
waters. They are convinced that
they are the last-favoured part of
the United Kingdom, and this con-
viction has now been reinforced by
nationalism and what must be called
greed.

Then there is the Principality of
Wales. The Welsh too demand a
measure of self-government, which
leads logically to a sort of sover-
eignty. They are led by a minority
of devout people in love with the
idea of the English cities drown-
ing Welsh valleys for drinking
water, and try to stop the English
from buying derelict cottages in
their hills.

But the Welsh movement is based
upon culture and language. The
trouble is that far less than a
quarter of Wales' population speaks
Welsh.

or cares about the Welsh language.
They have learnt nothing from the
fact that the Irish language move-
ment, which has become a bitter
and impatient joke among the
Irish. Only the Jews in Israel have
brought a language back from the
grave, and Hebrew was the only
way of re-linking so anciently scat-
tered a people. There is also the
possibility of oil off the Welsh
coastline.

Otherwise there is brilliant rugby
"football" and a sadly dwindling
number of stern appearances. An in-
dependent Wales is likely to be an
intolerant even uncomfortable place,
at least to begin with.

There remain the two Irelands.
If the Northern Irish Protestants —
in their desperation over London's
unwillingness to give them unquali-
fied support — do make a Uni-
lateral Declaration of Independence,
there will then be blood and appal-
ling poverty. England, affronted, is
unlikely to keep them in the com-
monwealth, as it is, to which they
have grown accustomed. There will
be no more extra millions from
Westminster. And hang on the so-
cial services on which both sorts

of terrorists exist.

Not even the Republic of Ireland
seems able to look forward to the
peace it has earned. It would be
winning it, it would involve a share
in the new poverty of Ireland.

The preliminaries to this break-
up — if it ever happens — would be
unpleasant. Various liberation move-
ments. Assorted bombs. Selective
and indiscriminate murders. Increasing
bitterness. A sort of vulgar and
vindictive hatred. Separation. Frie-
sters. The repatriation of "alien
businesses and properties."

The final result would, at best,
be a confederation of states — with
five votes in the Common Market,<



A scene from "Juan Perez Jolote," directed by Archibaldo Burns, one of the movies featured during the current Mexican Film Week at the cine-theatres in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Haifa. The Jerusalem opening took place last night under the auspices of Mexican Ambassador Benito Berfin and Mayor Teddy Kollek. The film week is being sponsored by the Mexican Embassy and the Israel Film Institute.

THE HAIFA arts scene seems to be having its problems. To begin with, a Symphony Orchestra, whose generation and expansion to 70 years seemed assured two months ago, today faces a budget cut as the result of financial austerity at both the Haifa and the Ministry of Education and Culture. Neither can provide more than IL1m. each — not enough to assure professional performance and pay for some 70 years at the same time.

"We expect an income of at least 300,000 from concerts, and hope to use as much again from other sources," chairman of the board Emanuel Schreier said last week. But we'll still have to limit the S.O. to 53 players if we are to keep this budget of some IL2,750,000."

In the meantime the present 44 players are rehearsing zealously under the baton of Kol Israel conductor Muel Ziffer, who is filling in for artistic director Youval Zallouk, broad for two months on engagements.

The orchestra will give its first public performance in April. Three concerts are scheduled, the first and a third conducted by Zallouk. In the meantime, full season is being prepared for next year.

"With a strength of 52, the orchestra will still be short in the ring section," H.S.O. manager Gai Briss pointed out. "Yet, according to guest conductor Ziffer the standard is definitely going up."

EANWHILE, the Haifa City theatre, whose accumulated deficit now runs to IL450,000, is the scene of

Culture problems in Haifa

By YAACOV ARDON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

a dispute between management and staff. According to the Haifa Labour Council, the management not only rejected the staff committee's demand to upgrade 40 employees, but also intends to dismiss some of them.

The committee argues that nobody has been upgraded since 1973, that the increases sought average only a modest IL70 a month, and that the pay rates here are lower than at any other theatre in the country. As for the proposed dismissals, the committee says they are inconsistent with the recent engagement of new employees. Moreover, labour relations at the theatre are generally strained because of the director's unwillingness to talk things over with the employees. The Labour Council spokesman said that it was backing the staff committee and would declare a labour dispute.

The theatre's 1975/76 budget of IL6.5m. is covered in part by the Education and Culture Ministry

(IL2.65m.), the Municipality (IL4.5m.), revenue from subscriptions and ticket sales (IL1.7m.), leaving general manager Mounis Avrahami with a worrisome IL500,000 deficit. Ten days ago the board instructed him to submit a plan for drastic economy and reduction of scope. Avrahami believes artistic and technical staffs must be cut even at the cost of output. He is contemplating eight dismissals, yet hopes to promote half of the 90-man staff by one grade.

NOT TO BE OUTDONE, the city's painters and sculptors are up in arms over a commission to decorate the exterior of the soon-to-be-completed new municipal sports stadium. It was awarded to Gershon Knispel, who has served as the city's artistic adviser since the late Abba Khushy engaged him over ten years ago. A public competition was held for the project and Knispel, himself a creative artist, asked for and received permission to take part in it. The panel of judges unanimously chose his design, a large aluminum cast relief, although "as a city sculptor, he will not be paid."

The artists' community disapproves of Knispel's admission to the competition and points out that he has managed to win most of the city's commissions for this kind of work. Some of the artists propose to challenge the city's arrangement with Knispel in the High Court as incompatible with the rules of propriety and public ethics. The cost of the aluminum cast to adorn the IL4.5m. stadium would be IL40,000.

THE ISRAEL Philharmonic Orchestra's Subscription Concert 3.5 (Jerusalem — Jan. 25) was meting of a disappointment. Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau, merally acclaimed as the world's greatest singer of today, has a long way to go to convince us that he can come equally as great a conductor. He is still counting bars and rests, giving cues to every instrument and painstakingly reconstructing scores he has learned by heart. A experienced orchestra does not need all that, and eventually, one sees, he will begin to make music without so much attention to beating his bars. At present, his tempi are mostly too slow, interpretative indications too careful. The result is that his performance as a conductor is too pedestrian to be satisfying.

Violinist Rony Rogoff, who was the soloist in Mozart's Fifth Concerto, does not live up to the complimentary remarks which fill the programme brochure. His stage manner is somewhat overbearing and his performance less than satisfactory. Technically, there are only a few flaws in intonation, which could have been overlooked as the musical side of his rendition offered a stimulating or inspiring ex-

The singer must learn to conduct

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perience. Unfortunately, it was quite empty of meaning. One can understand that the IPO could not refuse to have the son of one of its founding members perform with it, but why as soloist? Audiences who have heard Heifetz, Stern, Francescatti, Perlman, Zukerman — to name only a few great soloists — have better yardsticks by which to measure performances. There is no reason to impose unsatisfactory standards on the public.

The Brahms Symphony — after the pedestrian reading of Mendelssohn's "Fingal's Cave" Overture which opened the concert — rolled on and on, until the built-in impetus of the last movement brought the concert to a com-

paratively rousing climax and elicited some applause from the audience.

We look forward to the day when Fischer-Dieskau will, with more experience, emerge from the limitations of apprenticeship, and bring his extraordinary gifts as a musician to lead an orchestra to exciting and stimulating performances.

MY REVIEWS have recently been haunted by printer's devils. In the review of the Brahms Requiem (Jan. 22), a paragraph was inadvertently omitted, indicating that this was another special concert presented by and performed with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra on two evenings in Tel Aviv (Jan. 17 & 18).

In the review of the Anstrax Quartet (Jan. 5), the word "outrageous" was used through a series of mishaps. Prokofiev is scarcely ever "outrageous," and definitely not in that particular string quartet.

As for the review of the "Swing II" concert (Jan. 14), the original phrase "odd mixture" came out unfortunately as "old mixture." Apologies from all involved to all concerned.

A day at the musical theatre O SOLO MIO

By Ephraim Kishon

ONE DAY the manager of one of our more or less musical theatres approached us in the matter of a musical. We said to him: "Sir, I've never in my life written a musical, and besides I hate it when people break into song and dance without the slightest provocation." Thereupon the manager replied: "Anyone can write a musical, my boy. The principle could not be simpler: in an opera one of the lovers always dies, while in a musical both are always saved. Try it, I am sure you will succeed! I won't meddle in your choice of subject, but it is most desirable that it should somehow fit in Puerto Rico because that place is very 'in' nowadays..."

At this point in our conversation, the director's assistant came in and handed over Mrs. Shinovski's latest message, according to which unless she, Felicia Shinovski sings the solo part in the finale, she might as well drop out entirely from the musical, because that solo had been written especially for her. I asked: "Excuse me, what finale is she speaking about?"

"Why, the finale of the musical you are going to write in good time."

"But what is a 'solo'?"

"A 'solo' is a unique opportunity for the singer to earn applause onstage without any partners sharing the glory, while the other actors go green with envy and artistic frustration backstage."

up of bridge cards in natural colours and there Shinovski sings a solo in rumba rhythm."

"And... couldn't we... without those cards..."

"No. The solo is ready. Its refrain is: 'Cards-boom — cards-boom... my cards-boom.' It's too late to change anything now."

The assistant came in and whispered in the manager's ear that Mrs. Shinovski had hanged herself on the rope of the fire curtain.

"Fine," the manager said, "so as I see it, the second act ends with the diplomat's visit to the Kurdistan Quarter."

"What diplomat?"

"The First Tenor."

"But isn't he an admiral?"

"No. I need a political solo after all. Elections are just around the corner."

"OK, but why the Kurdistan Quarter?"

"I've got a Kurdistan Ballet number with two solo dancers..."

THE ASSISTANT came in and announced that Mrs. Shinovski wanted her solo back. The manager returned the manuscript, then turned to me and said:

"Naturally, the second act opens with elephants."

"What elephants?"

"I rented eight elephants to introduce the solo of the comedian playing the Maharajah."

Here the comedian popped out from under the desk where he had been hiding for the past thirty-six hours, threw himself on the ground, and groaned amidst contortions painful to witness:

"No elephants... I'm implored. 'No elephants please... I'll fill up the stage all by myself... the elephants will only be in the way... it's either the elephants or me... sir.'"

"All right," the manager said, "get your cheque at the cashier's and beat it."

SUDDENLY the Second Tenor broke into pleasant song from behind the door: "O Solo Mio!" For the last fortnight he had been on a hunger strike demanding another solo as encore, otherwise he threatened he would go off his rocker and burn down the theatre.

The manager and I climbed out of the window and slid down the drainpipe to avoid the Juvenile Lead who had been waiting to see the manager about a certain matter for the last two days, and was now lying in ambush at the gate. I asked the manager how he could stand this madhouse. He looked at me greatly puzzled and assured me that as a matter of fact this had been a rather quiet, almost bucolic day.

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Through the looking glass / Joanna Yehiel The layered look is a boon

THE LAYERED LOOK is the answer to the maiden's prayer in these belt-tightening days. How to put it together?

Start with a shirt and coloured tights. Add a skirt or pants. Fish out a sweater and put a vest over that. Add chains, necklaces, even a shawl. (Don't forget boots.) Voilà, the layered look, a boon in these days of economy and fuel shortages.

It's economic because it makes use of just about everything you have in your wardrobe, including the borderline items, on the verge of being chucked out or given away. That's because nothing shows completely, it's the overall effect that counts.

Apart from being cheap and warm, it's also an artful way of accentuating your good features and playing down the not so good.

If your bottom's what you want to hide, try the following: a mid-skirt (always good for covering up), topped by a polo-necked shirt or open-collared blouse, which will be partially visible under a long vest (not a short one that stops at the waist). If the skirt collar stays open down the front, that's where everyone's going to look.

As for colour, again it's the total effect that counts. So haul out that horrible lime-green sweater again — it'll blend in with the dark green anorak around it.

This look needs some planning.

Through the Looking Glass is a weekly column in which Joanna Yehiel will offer advice on keeping up appearances on a tight budget without losing your sense of humour. The field is wide and is not restricted to women.



But it is virtually inexhaustible because the permutations are endless. And if you're feeling warm... well, take some of it off. It won't make any difference to the basic look.

Balmain in the grand style

By SUZY PATTERSON
AP Fashion Reporter

PARIS — Pierre Balmain stole a march on the other couturiers on Sunday evening by throwing a fashion shindig to celebrate his 30th year as a full-fledged couturier.

Balmain's opening for the 1976 spring-summer collections was a party that may make the other collections drab in comparison. The show was presented at a seated cocktail party in a vast modern theatre arranged on four levels in one of Paris' poshest catering reception houses — a dramatic change from the usual sedate Balmain show at his house on Rue Francois Premier.

The "couturier of Royalty" received 300 friends, clients and journalists in grand style. They came to pay tribute to a man who has always stood up for the highest standards of French couture even in the face of bluejean trendiness. Often neglected in the rush for new fads, Balmain has doggedly kept on producing reliable beauty for rich women.

Looking younger than his 62 years, Balmain himself presented the show, which started with a surprising photo of him relaxing with Gertrude Stein in her flat — she wrote her only fashion report on Balmain's opening in 1945.

The spring-summer collections came on with a bounding and sexy sound-and-light show of about 80 models — old-fashioned Paris

elegance at its best, though surprising to see Balmain looking rather mod in presentation. Plaids and Turbans

He seems fascinated with plaids — nothing much to do with Scotland — and Araby, nothing to do with Marmakesh, except turbans. A striking jump suit with narrow pants and safari look from a droopy pelum draped around the hips was followed by a very hooded cape dress.

Sober plaids, mostly in red and grey, were seen throughout the collection, including straight-looking dresses with dropped, belted waists. He shows narrow pants and his limited sportswear line reveals many bare midriffs.

But Balmain is at his best as usual in the more sedate looks of late afternoon and evening, in the perfect cut and colour harmony for people who can pay for quality.

In navy, white, pink, evening looks are feminine and sexy — with big V-ruffled necks, clinging chiffon skirts, flying panels and slits down the back.

Big hats and slinky day dresses hark back to a sophisticated Hollywood look of the fifties, but somehow they still look right today.

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Another case of 'administrative re-think' The widow's pension

JUDGEMENT HANDED DOWN last week by the Aviv District Labour Court deserves public attention. It was given in a test case brought by a widow against the Income Tax Commissioner and the National Insurance Institute, and referred to the 18.75 per cent tax deduction at source from the widow's pension.

The Labour Court decided the pension must be paid in full, without the deduction. Both social security and Treasury officials consented to this judgement, reversing their original stand.

This reversal by the authorities might be hard to understand, unless one recalls that a few days before the court decision the issue was raised in an article, "Hitting the Poor," by Dr. A. Bergmann in *The Jerusalem Post*, which exposed the anti-social effect of the new regulations which took a tax bite out of pensioners. The article was quoted by Israel Kargan, chairman of the Knesset Finance Committee, when he took a firm stand against the intended measure on the very day of publication. Undoubtedly, it was this article which prompted the fiscal authorities to review their policy.

The incident is worth examination for two reasons. First, it shows that our financial officials often make decisions, which must be subsequently withdrawn. Two months ago, for example, the Treasury did to back-track on imposing a tax on Nafat dollars because the initial step was taken without proper consultation.

The case of the widow's pension suggests a similar escalation. The Nafat order was cancelled because it was vociferously opposed by commercial banks at financial quarters. In regard to excessive taxation of pensions, there has been no such public out-

cry, because widows, oldsters and orphans have no strong lobby to defend their interests. But the authorities' approach was so obviously unjust, that one single article was enough to amend it.

Several other cases of "administrative re-think" could also be cited. Evidently, the Treasury experts are now working under great stress. They must cope with grave economic problems, and at the same time implement a complicated tax reform. But the resulting situation is unhealthy, and steps must be taken to remedy it in spite of the difficulties involved.

Repeated withdrawal of orders and regulations must inevitably undermine the people's confidence in the efficiency of our fiscal administration, and thus defeat the very reform we are now trying to carry out.

One may presume that in retrospect the Treasury officials also admit that tax deduction at source from pensions paid by the National Insurance would have been a grave mistake. It would have resulted in collecting about IL500m. a year — mostly from people belonging to our lowest income strata. Old-age pensioners would have been taxed more heavily than many wage earners. Yet this mistake was prevented only by resorting to court action and by frank discussion of the issue in the press. By consenting to the Labour Court judgement, the authorities have saved themselves from an embarrassing blunder. For that, they should be thankful to the free and critical media.

A new 'hai' (18,000) saving plan

By GIDYON ESHET
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A NEW "hai" 18,000 savings scheme will soon replace the present 10,000 scheme in accordance with a Treasury plan now before the Knesset Finance Committee.

The new scheme, which has the endorsement of the commercial banks, is similar to the 10,000 scheme, differing only on the following items:

- The maximum deposit will be IL18,000, as compared to IL10,000 under the present plan.
- The saver will still be entitled to a 10 per cent bonus. However, he will only be able to withdraw his money after six years, rather than the present five.
- The banks will be required to use 85 per cent of the money deposited to purchase special Government bonds, as compared with 75 per cent under the present scheme. Moreover, unlike before, the banks will only be able to select one type of the bonds specially issued for this purpose by the Treasury. The bond will be of the 8-year tenor type and will either be fully linked with 5.25 per cent interest or unlinked with 11 per cent interest.
- Should the banks choose to regulate the bond market (i.e. buy bonds when prices are falling and sell when prices are on the increase), they may use for this purpose five per cent of the 85 per cent invested in Government bonds.
- Seventy per cent of the 10 per cent bonus will be paid by the Government, with the banks making up the balance.

Accountant-General Haim Stoeckel told *The Jerusalem Post* that the 10,000 scheme had outlived its usefulness, and that the new 18,000 savings scheme would take up where it had left off. He added, though, that investors in the 10,000 scheme who were still making monthly payments would be permitted to continue, although the banks will no longer receive new savers under this plan. According to law, the 10,000 scheme will expire on March 31.

Under the 10,000 savings scheme, only one such deposit was allowed per person, and the same, it was learned, will apply to the new plan. In effect, however, the Treasury had no control over the number of deposits held, and many individuals, in fact, held much more than one.

In the past, the 10,000 scheme had aroused criticism over the large profits reaped by the banks, but with its adoption of the new and similar plan, it does not seem that the Treasury has heeded the public's complaints.



Big construction projects are turning sleepy villages into bustling cities. Photograph shows the rapidly expanding city of Abu Dhabi, unofficial capital of the United Arab Emirates. (Camera Press)

Cashing in on the Gulf oil wealth

By TREVOR GOODCHILD

BAHRAIN. — The executive season is in full swing in the Gulf, with businessmen flooding in from all parts of the world to scramble for a share of the region's huge oil wealth.

They come mainly from the recession-hit West, attracted by the vast revenues being spent by the oil-rich Arab states on modernization and development programmes.

But they have recently been joined by a growing number of Asian, African and Latin American officials and businessmen trying to improve their countries' trade balances which have tilted dangerously against the developing states as a result of oil price increases.

Along with the five-fold increase in oil prices since 1973, every winter has seen the businessmen pouring into the Gulf area in search of deals. They come when the harsh heat and humidity of the Gulf summer has given way to cooler and more tolerable weather.

Their aim is to supply the plants, goods, services and expertise needed as the Gulf states from the Kuwaiti Desert to the Omani Mountains rush to transform themselves into modern industrialized nations before the oil runs out.

Since almost everything in the desert lands of the Arabian Peninsula has to be imported, their opportunities are nearly unlimited.

The biggest prizes lie in construction projects which are turning once-sleepy Arab fishing and pearling villages into bustling cities with the latest in Western technology.

But the Gulf is also an expanding market for a vast range of everyday essentials as well as luxury goods for which oil wealth has given the region's Arabs a taste.

In the Gulf's crowded airports, the aircraft he was waiting for at

Kuwait, his first stop, turned up six hours late.

The Gulf Air plane had been delayed in Oman, at the other end of the Gulf, for a change of engine. The man, whose firm was operating on a tight budget and schedule, consequently missed a crucial connecting flight in Bahrain which forced him to cancel a long-standing appointment in Abu Dhabi. Getting a room for the night also needs planning, since many hotels are fully booked for weeks ahead.

It is not unusual to see captains of industry pleading with hotel clerks for a bed late at night after turning up in a Gulf centre on the off-chance of making a deal.

Once he has arranged his physical needs, the newly-arrived businessman still has to adjust mentally to the Gulf Arab way of doing business.

The working day in many Gulf states starts at 7 a.m. and ends at 1 p.m. when everyone goes off for a traditional long siesta.

And the businessman will be unwise to fix too many appointments in a single day. Arabs in senior positions are hard pressed to find time for all the people wishing to see them, but keep to a local tradition of accessibility.

Because of this, a businessman can expect to hang around an anteroom drinking Arabic coffee after his appointment time has passed and until the flow of callers diminishes.

Some Gulf officials and merchants have a habit of asking businessmen to meet them for further discussions over breakfast in New York, Paris or London.

In negotiations, too, the foreign executive must put aside many of his own business conceptions if he is to be successful. (Reader)

Boom at swank restaurants

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN
Special to The Jerusalem Post

AVIV. — Is the income tax putting a crimp in the restaurant business? A high level of business activity at restaurants is generally related to a prospering economy, a liberal view by the tax deduction towards expense accounting and a high level of tourism. In recessionary times, the opposite would be true. Yet high grade, exclusive restaurants seem to be enjoying excellent times.

Income tax regulations state that may deduct hospitality expenses to IL6 for each individual. If hospitality is extended at one's place of business. Gastronomic buffets are no longer considered as a deductible expense. One still entertains a foreign visitor outside one's business premises, even in this case the deduction is limited.

Well-known accountant numbers among his clients two of Tel Aviv's fashionable restaurants: "The Lido" and "Le Jardin". He said, "The Lido" is not deterred by tax considerations, he said. "They maintain the hope that they will succeed in negotiating some deductions in the time comes to settle the bill. The stomach is the least sensitive part of the anatomy during periods of economic austerity," said.

In spite of the drop in tourism, tourists still flock to the better eating places. This is true in spite of the fact that prices have gone up quickly in the past year. One explanation is that tourists have availed themselves of the very favourable unofficial rate of exchange. On this basis, the cost for a IL100 dinner comes to less than \$10. This figure compares very favourably with what a meal costs in New York or London.

At Shaul's Inn, perhaps the best known restaurant in Tel Aviv's Yeminite Quarter, business is good. One of the old-timers cynically commented: "Look around at the restaurant and you will see what belt tightening means." A like of guests waited for tables.

Rafi Shaul's Bamboo Curtain Restaurant, located in North Tel Aviv's old seaport district, is doing a handsome business. Reservations tables must be made well in advance.

In the middle of the hotel district of Herzliya Pituach is Antonio's Trattoria. This more popular-priced restaurant's main concern seems to be to accommodate all of its patrons.

In stark contrast to the jingling cash registers at the more luxurious restaurants, business has fallen off rather sharply at eateries catering to businessmen and Government officials. The usually crowded restaurants, which cater to the Friday afternoon crowd, are now welcoming the few clients as if they were lost relatives.

Zim profit expected

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Despite the world shipping slump, Zim again made a profit on its operations in 1975. The *Jerusalem Post* learned from a reliable source. The official balance sheet will be published in the spring.

The profit is expected to be somewhat less than the company's IL40m. net gain for 1974, but the very fact Zim made a profit — in a year when many shipping companies either lost money or collapsed altogether — is considered a tremendous achievement. It was attributed to the company's flexibility in adapting to changing market conditions.

The company will make every effort to stay in the black during the coming year, despite the continuing slump, plus the additional handicap of the U.S. Government's announced intention to use American ships to transport some 50 per cent of the military hardware provided for Israel under the foreign aid bill. In the past, the transport of arms to Israel had provided a lucrative business for Zim.

Exxon profits drop

NEW YORK. — Exxon Corp., the world's largest industrial company, said yesterday its profit in 1975 fell 17.5 per cent below 1974.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

TAX EVASION. — Gad Cohen, manager of Nusbaum Ltd. in Haifa, was last week remanded in custody for seven days on suspicion of evading income tax. Nusbaum Ltd.'s 1974 sales turnover was IL5m. This year, the firm declared stocks of IL250,000. A check by the tax authorities found stocks of IL1,500,000.

OF YERUSHALAIM. — Manufacturer of chicken products in Jerusalem, will produce ready meals to be supplied both to commercial kitchens and to housekeepers.

We regret that the Wall Street stock market report and figures were not received in time for publication in today's paper.

TEL AVIV STOCKS:

Market continues to rise

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The stock market continued to improve yesterday, with slight rises appearing both in index-linked bonds and in stocks.

The first two groups of index-linked bonds with a 10-year redemption period went counter to the trend. An offer of these bonds, however, was absorbed with any change in their rate. Bonds in the 66/67 Absorption Loan series rose between 4 and 10 points, while those in the 65 per cent Defence Loan series rose 1 to 2 points.

Bonds linked to foreign currencies showed slight gains; those linked to the dollar were stable.

Despite these rises in index-linked bonds, financial circles were doubtful whether this indicated a long-term trend.

The turnover in bonds came to IL9.8m.

Stocks also continued to rise. There was a turnover of IL1.5m, of which IL432,000 was in the variables.

The Nafat dollar remained unchanged at IL8.40. There was a demand for \$15,000, and \$40,000 were traded.

Bank Apotekal declared an 18 per cent cash dividend, of which 8 per cent will be paid as an interim dividend. The bank will also distribute 20 per cent bonus shares for 1975.

IDBC was up 3 points to 144 (17,500); Chemicals, up 4.5 to 165.5 (17,700); Fax, up 2 to 168 (21,800); and Discount, Investment up 2 to 197.5 (10,000).

The General Index of Share Prices rose by 0.09 per cent to stand at 125.83.

	26.1.75	25.1.75
ISRAELI LINKED DEBITORS		
5% Dead Sea Junior	359.5	360
5% Dead Sea	275.5	275.5
5% Electric Corp. B	275	282.5
Q. & A. LINKED		
(Arbitrated and Interest)		
Absorb. 1966 (1)	456.5	462.5
Absorb. 1967 (1)	454.5	462.5
Bit. 1968 (4)	225	225
Bit. 1969 (4)	163.5	165
Bit. 1969 6.5% (65)	207	207
Bit. 1969 6.5% (81)	206.5	206.5
Dev. 4% (3001)	174	174
OPTIONALS		
Dev. 190	329	329.5
Dev. 235	221.5	221.5
Dev. 315	216	212.5
FUTURES IN DOLLARS		
Rolls 22	135.5	135
CORPORATE BONDS		
10% IDB	107	107
7% Leumi (5)	102	102
15% Mizrahi (2)	111.5	112.5
10% Fufahel (38)	115	115
10% Dalk	123.5	123.5
10% Disc. Inv. (72)	91	91
10% Leumi Inv. (302)	101.5	101.5
COMMERCIAL BANKS & FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS		
Bank Leumi	197	197
Bank Hapoalim	240	240
Bank Leumi (A)	222	222
Bank Leumi (B)	245	245
Bank Leumi (C)	245	245
Bank Leumi (D)	245	245
Bank Leumi (E)	245	245
Bank Leumi (F)	245	245
Bank Leumi (G)	245	245
Bank Leumi (H)	245	245
Bank Leumi (I)	245	245
Bank Leumi (J)	245	245
Bank Leumi (K)	245	245
Bank Leumi (L)	245	245
Bank Leumi (M)	245	245
Bank Leumi (N)	245	245
Bank Leumi (O)	245	245
Bank Leumi (P)	245	245
Bank Leumi (Q)	245	245
Bank Leumi (R)	245	245
Bank Leumi (S)	245	245
Bank Leumi (T)	245	245
Bank Leumi (U)	245	245
Bank Leumi (V)	245	245
Bank Leumi (W)	245	245
Bank Leumi (X)	245	245
Bank Leumi (Y)	245	245
Bank Leumi (Z)	245	245
UTILITIES		
Electricity	75	74.5
Water	159	155
Gas	150	177.5

Hamburger battle in Britain

LONDON. — The American hamburger chain McDonald's is preparing to launch a major assault on the British market, according to magazine supplement to the Sunday Times.

Four McDonald's restaurants recently opened in suburban London, one scheduled to open in the heart of the city in March are part of a determined effort to break into the British market, the magazine said.

Robert Rhea of Aurora, Illinois, managing director of McDonald's, said the subsidiary was quoted as saying the company's goal "is no less than a McDonald's restaurant in every town and city in Britain."

"If they do this," the magazine said, "they will overtake Britain's market leaders, the Wimpy chain, who have 625 restaurants." It quoted another McDonald's executive as predicting Wimpy's "are in for a hell of a time."

Meanwhile, the lowly potato, key ingredient in the common man's favourites — fish and "chips," and hamburgers and chips has achieved near-delicious status in Britain with a calendar of spuds one of the best investments around.

Last week for the first time potatoes passed bread in price per pound, soaring 20 per cent in a fortnight to 12 pence (IL2) — four times as dear as a year ago. (AP)

FOREIGN CURRENCY RATES

Official Exchange Rates (transfers and cheques)

	Purchase	Sale
U.S. Dollar	7.2400	7.2450
sterling	14.5718	14.7312
land	8.2898	8.4056
Swiss Fr.	2.7684	2.7837
French Fr.	1.62048	1.62041
Dutch Fl.	2.69797	2.72334
DM	2.74864	2.79537

NTEBANK SPOT RATES

Dollar	2.0240/45 per \$
DM	2.6025/35 per \$
Swiss Fr.	2.6025/40 per \$
Are	735.5/739.5 per \$
Belgian Fr.	39.335/345 per \$
Dutch Fl.	2.6710/25 per \$
£m	303.50/80 per \$
French Fr.	4.4925/45 per \$

FORWARD RATES

1 Mos.	2.1550/155	2.1550/155
3 Mos.	2.1550/155	2.1550/155
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1 Yr.	2.1550/155	2.1550/155

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SYRIA'S LEBANON

A DECEPTIVE CALM has descended on blood-soaked Lebanon. It is the result of a virtual protectorate imposed by Syria through the action of Syrian-based units of the Palestine Liberation Army commanded by Syrian officers. The armed Palestinians, teaming up with armed leftist Moslems, are now in effective control of most of the country, and the Christians are left to voice the hope that the foreign occupation of their land may come to an end sometime soon.

That hope is not likely to be fulfilled. Had the real issue in Lebanon been the redistribution of political power among the Lebanese people, an agreed peaceful solution could have been reached which would not affect the freedoms of Lebanon as a state. But the need, such as it may have been, for greater Moslem participation in the governance of a largely Christian-dominated polity, was in truth secondary to the implacable determination of an alien element, the Palestinians represented by the PLO and backed by Syria, to reshape Lebanon as a surrogate homeland for themselves. From this home base, they would launch their little military forays into Israel and their major thrust into the world political arena.

It is ironic that in carrying out its design the PLO enjoyed, in varying degrees, the cooperation of all of Lebanon's leaders, both Moslem and Christian. Behind this must have been the naive idea that the terrorist beast encamped on Lebanese soil could be tamed by throwing it bits of the country's sovereignty — as in the infamous Cairo accords — without losing the essential attributes of independence. As a result, the terrorists are now the undoubted masters of what remains of Lebanon, and the arbiters of its fate — on behalf of Syria.

Strutting around like the uncrowned king of Beirut, Yasser Arafat promises to withdraw his forces from occupied Lebanese territory once he has established "law and order," Syrian style, throughout the land. This must be seen to be believed. PLO sources have made it clear for some time now that, as far as they were concerned, the war in Lebanon would not end in a draw but only in a clear-cut victory — for themselves. The enemy, conveniently termed "fascist," would first have to be decisively crushed. Then, having made of Lebanon a desert of repression, the PLO would call it a model of a "secular and democratic" state.

The Christians of Lebanon may soon discover that, while they have gained a respite in a dreadful war, the worst is still in store. And so may those Lebanese Moslems who cherish their country's uniqueness among the Arab states.

The problem that the Syrian-backed PLA invasion of Lebanon poses for Israel is obvious. Having learned the lesson of the attempted Syrian intervention in Jordan in the summer of 1970, Damascus resorted this time to a subterfuge which could not be deemed warrant for counter-action by Israel. Israel's declared commitment, it may be recalled, was to its own safety, not to the integrity of Lebanon's constitutional structure.

At the same time the massive occupation of southern Lebanon — now virtually empty of Lebanese troops — by the PLO's forces, whether "regular" or "irregular," is a clear danger signal for Israel. It may bode a Syrian policy aiming at a vast extension of the area of direct military confrontation, and it may require a clear message to Syria couched in the strongest terms, of the grave risks it will be running in pursuing such policy.

READERS' LETTERS

SUP-PRESS TACTICS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — With all due respect for the sapience of the present generation of Israeli editors and newsmen, permit me to remind them, as an old-timer in local journalism since 1921, that, once instituted or tacitly accepted, political censorship can have as many tentacles as an octopus. Even the utmost vigilance and the loudest protests on the part of the censored will have little avail once the system is imposed and becomes operative.

I recall that political censorship in the days of the British Mandate administration was used to suppress opinion on matters far removed from the press regulation forbidding "the exacerbation of Arab-Jewish relations" for which it was ostensibly promulgated. It even went into the field of education. The Va'ad Leumi issued a statement drawing attention to discriminatory practices in the financing of the Arab and Jewish school systems, and The Palestine Post ran a leading article on it. Both the statement and the leader were prohibited from publication.

When the Editor of The Palestine Post, Gershon Agron, protested to the authority whom we newsmen generally dubbed the Sup-Press Officer, the latter blandly explained that his ban fell within the meaning of the law, as the items would, when read by Arabs, provoke deep resentment and exacerbate community relations! I have no doubt that similar casuistry can be produced by the authorities today.

JULIAN MELTZER
Jerusalem, January 21.

PRESS BESMEARS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — I agree with every word of Dr. Wyler ("Press besmears the country" — January 9). Every lover of Israel, every Jew worker and fundraiser for Israel, who every thought, worry and anxiety is for our land, is dismayed and upset by the continuous news items concerning robbery, protection rackets, prostitution, financial scandals and corruption continuously headlined in your and other Israeli and Jewish newspapers. What happened to our Israel?

I know from my yearly pilgrimages that the news items so sensationally displayed are not the real Israel. There still exists some idealism in the hearts of some people.

MILLIE GEETLER
London, January 18.

POSTSCRIPTS

WITH JEWISH ex-servicemen from East and West meeting in Jerusalem this week, they will probably be talking the nights down with memories of shared experiences. Some of the exploits of their units are today part of history, others may have been embroiled with the passage of time.

The adventures of our "boys" today greying grandfathers who wore with pride the "Palestine" flash on their shoulders could fill more than a single volume. Some of them revolved round the rescue of Jewish refugees, others round preparations for the struggle that would be facing them on their return home. Still other stories had to do with the war itself as it was being fought by the allied forces.

Apart from the Jewish Brigade Group proper, there were the Jewish soldiers who "unloaded history" and endured the siege of Tobruk; those who helped to capture the heights of Keren in Eritrea; the blonde young men born in Germany who were recruited to circumvent Rommel's lines in the Western Desert; the paratroopers (men and women) who were dropped into occupied Europe to make contact with the partisans; those captured while defending Crete. And there were the not in official khaki whom the British tried to guide them into Lebanon to fight the Vichy French.

Many of these Palestinians (and at that time the designation meant the Jewish soldiers in the British forces) found themselves called upon to do all kinds of unexpected jobs, often because they were multi-lingual. One man we knew found himself accepting the surrender of units of the Italian Fleet in Cyprus. The highest-ranking British officer there knew no Italian. The Palestinian captain spoke English and a little Italian (actually it was Spanish spoken with an Italian accent and a Mediterranean flourish). But the ceremony was carried through strictly according to the book.

Most important of all, those 30,000 Jewish volunteers from the tiny Yishuv in Palestine (there was no conscription here) gained experience of the humdrum working of an organized army that was to stand the Jewish State in good stead when the Defence Army of Israel came to be established. F.D.

WHEN CHINESE PREMIER Chou En-lai died earlier this month, it was inevitable that the Western world would be flooded with both speculation about his successor as well as with fulsome praise of his role as the "mastermind" of Chinese foreign policy during his 26 years in office.

While not denigrating his role, it would be well to bear in mind the guessing game now going on, that the Chinese Communist administration functions under a totalitarian system, with Chairman Mao Tse-tung the dictator of policy despite his advanced age and physical enfeeblement. The Prime Minister and other cabinet members still expedite the Communist Party's policies and are under the control of and responsible to the party — and this still means Mao, though perhaps not to the extent of the past few years.

So what Westerners overlooked in spite of all Chou's brilliance as a statesman and his description as an "urbane, polished politician who understood Westerners and was able to meet them on an equal footing" was that Chou essentially was Mao's tool. He was at his post at China's most anti-American phase and was still there during the rapprochement with America. That he was there at the top during the ups and downs of Peking's policies was the best illustration that whatever Chou did was based on party resolutions. And so it was during Chou's bedridden period when Teng Hsiao-ping was brought back from the political wilderness after being damned as the "No. 2 capitalist in the black gang" of disgraced President Liu Shao-chi in 1968.

TENG OF COURSE has been "purified" and is now Vice-Premier, Vice-Chairman of the Party, Chief of Staff of the People's Liberation Army, and, in effect, second in the hierarchy after Mao. Although 71 years of age, the small "big" man is still energetic, as well as being stubborn, shrewd and ambitious.

Whether Teng during the transition period will be able to interpret party policies in his own fashion is not yet known. But shortly before Chou died, Mao published two new poems and a strongly worded New Year editorial defending the results of the cultural revolution. This might seem to mark an attempt by the Chairman to make sure his revolutionary policies are not overtaken by other moves.

One poem attacked Soviet Communism, and coming a week after China released three Soviet helicopter airmen after holding them for nearly two years, shows that criticism of Moscow was continuing. The second poem refers to a

China after Chou—the contenders line up

While the fading Mao still holds on firmly to the reins of power in Peking, figures of the second rank are stepping from the shadows to fill the vacuum left by Chou En-lai's death.

The World Scene / Sasson Jacoby



China's new number two, Teng Hsiao-ping

visit made to Chingnanshan, the mountain stronghold where Mao made his name as a successful guerrilla leader. Both poems were written in 1965, before the outbreak of the cultural revolution, and their publication now might be intended to show that the days of that upheaval must not be forgotten.

Of course, Mao for years has not sought absolute authority over management of daily affairs and his dream of mass mobilization for continuing revolutionary activities has brought him in conflict with men who run the party and government machineries. But Mao undoubtedly staged one of his periodic interventions to ensure that the basic direction stays with his line of continuous revolution.

The release of the Russians was confusing. It came after the evident failure of the Ford talks in Peking over defense and it could mean a signal to the Americans that the Chinese always have in reserve the

Curiously enough, these remarks coincide with the assessment of the post-Chou possibilities made by the Nationalist Chinese mainland purges. They say that the pro-Russians had no choice but to turn to the rehabilitated and returned Teng, who in turn needs their support to rebuild his own power base. They also point out that Mao remained the sole obstacle and that as long as Chou was alive he had always acted as a fence-sitter in factional strife.

It could well be that Teng is preparing for an eventual takeover after Mao's death. At all, he is in good health, is a few years younger than Mao who is in sole geriatric standing in his own right. The helicopter crew release could have been a way of gaining Russian support both in Moscow and in Peking among the pro-Soviet faction.

IT MAY BE also that Teng engineered this move because he feels that he cannot rely too much on American contacts to become a major support from the outside in his bid for power. And then again, strengthening of ties with Moscow will put Teng in a stronger bargaining position with the Russians.

First under Chou and then under Teng, officials sacked by the militants have been returning to their posts. Teng had confessed his "guilt" and must pay lip service to the Maoist line, since the cultural revolution, led by Mao's wife Chiang Ching, with her right-hand man, the young Shanghai leader Wang Hung-wei, has not yet lost its voice.

Wang, 39, has been mentioned as possible rival to Teng. He was a worker 10 years ago at the start of the cultural revolution, and is member of the Politburo and a Vice-Chairman of the party. With his schooling he has only limited experience and knowledge but has great talent. His rise is through deliberate arrangements made by the Mao and he is their creature. It is debatable whether he could survive the constant power struggle among the Chinese Communist leadership.

In any case, all that is happening now is for Teng only a theoretical design and it is still too early to say whether everything will come its way.

Perhaps the fading Mao will stage a struggle to depose Teng, and perhaps Chiang Ching with the backing of Wang and her cultural revolution cohorts will be able to mount an offensive against the vice-premier. But the final score has yet to be registered.

Former Histadrut Secretary-General Yitzhak Ben-Aharon wants the Labour Party to move to the left, to lead the way as a real socialist movement.

Changing Labour from the inside

People and Politics / Sraya Shapiro



Ben-Aharon blames the system of proportional representation, which has been pushed to the extreme. So as to be acceptable to the greatest number of voters, the party seeks to

"But it did not turn that way. You walk with the devil, you follow his steps," Ben-Aharon said.

The Labour Alignment is led by "individuals divided against themselves," and so is the Likud (whose leaders Ben-Aharon rates even lower than the Alignment heads). The disintegrating party system is connected to reality by "bridges of paper." But the present problems — the social gap, security borders, the Palestinians — require realistic solutions. The young people who find the gates of existing parties closed must be heard.

For the moment, Ben-Aharon says, the situation is still fluid. The changes will come to the next year, an election time of changes. What will be done then is too early to say, but he certainly plans to stay in the picture.

When he was Secretary-General of the Histadrut, Ben-Aharon did discourage rebellious workers' committees from pressing for reform of the Labour Federation. Would he appeal again to the workers' committees, or look for new protest movements?

He seems to conclude that the Labour Party, with Mapai at its core, is so deeply rooted in the national scene that it cannot be overturned from the outside.

But can it be taken over from within? There has been no lack of attempts to do this in the past, and from various quarters. These led to splits, in one of which Ben-Aharon took part.

There must be something more than Mapai than meets the public eye, something which keeps it from breaking up in the storm, and even brings back to it the mariners who try to swim independently.

ISRAEL PRESS

Rabin's Washington expectations

DAVAT (Histadrut) states that even though Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's talks in the U.S. may not be of decisive political significance, as the prior publicity would have one believe, they are undoubtedly of some importance. "If the U.S. tells the Soviet Union to turn the Security Council rather than the parties concerned, into the decisive factor in a settlement, and averts the attempt to alter Resolutions 242 and 338, the conditions will be created for co-ordinated political action in 1976. The policy line that is acceptable to Israel is not out of keeping with the basic policy of the U.S. Government or of Egypt. This applies both to Israel's readiness to go to Geneva and to the attitude to the PLO."

HA'ARETZ (Independent) notes the contradiction between threats made by official Government spokesmen to intervene in Lebanon in case of a political upheaval, and the inaction today. "Last weekend Rabin said that Israel would not intervene in the internal problems of her neighbors so long as there was no danger to her security. Yet three months ago, he said that Israel was interested in Lebanon maintaining its present political set-up, and that any attempt to overturn Lebanon would undermine Israel's security. The events of the past few days have indeed brought about a change in the internal set-up in Lebanon. How could the Government have got itself involved in so blatant a contradiction between its words and its actions, unless this was a case of failing to realize the U.S. position, which however should have come as no surprise. As it is, Israel has lost prestige as a result of the confusion."

New Avon Paperbacks

- ★ Liberated Parents/Liberated Children — Adele Fisher
- ★ The Kidnapping of the President — Charles Templeton
- ★ Mairret and the Headless Corpse — Georges Simenon
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